REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment supplies a cross-reference to the related (parent) application of which benefit is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120, as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.78.

In addition, all the original claims (1 - 20) of the parent application have been canceled from this divisional application, and replaced with article (pipe body) claims 21 - 41.

Entry of this Preliminary Amendment is courteously requested.

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